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DECISION ON

PETITION

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In re application of

Sugihara et al.

Serial No. 09/688,077 Filed: October 13, 2000

For:

Cell Potential Measurement Apparatus Having A Plurality

Of Microelectrodes

This is a response to the PETITION UNDER RULE 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a) TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT, filed August 2, 2002. The petition requests that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment mailed July 2, 2002, be withdrawn. A review of the file shows that applicant's petition was never addressed. The notice of abandonment that was mailed out August 2, 2002 is also being considered in this petition decision.

DECISION

The instant request is accepted as a <u>timely</u> petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee). The examiner mailed an office action on December 3, 2001 and applicants filed a response on June 3, 2002 with a petition for an extension of time. Applicant has provided proof that the Office received the response.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

The abandonment is withdrawn in view of applicant's response of June 3, 2002.

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